



# *Board of Assessors*

May 22, 2009 – 9:15 a.m. - **Minutes**

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Present: Chairman Marty Treadup, Assessor Peter Berthiaume, Clerk, Peter S. Barney, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

Meeting Called to Order at 8:30 AM.

Minutes of the May 5, meeting moved for acceptance by Mr. Berthiaume, Seconded by Mr. Treadup. Both voted in favor.

Mr. Treadup read recommendations for Vehicle Excise abatement for 06-59348 for \$ 413.50 (vehicle total loss), and Denied Boat excise abatement account # 7229. Both actions voted.

Mr. Barney updated the board on the following:

1. “Plot 40-5 has an underpayment on the third quarter and the fourth quarter payment credited to the third quarter, then, leaving the fourth quarter short, which should prevent a 2009 ATB case. The attorney for the property owner is discussing this with our attorney.
2. “Cases for 40-5 and 137-92 scheduled for next Tuesday, postponed date uncertain.
3. “ATB case still on for June 2.
4. “Our DOR representative came down last week and completed the data quality study –had some questions and a few recommendations which have been acted upon or explained. The 10% vacancy discount for vacant land has been removed on all 1600+ parcels resulting in an unexpected \$100,000 additional new growth. Our one piece of Horticultural/Nursery land was readjusted, and a number of combined lot parcels have also been readjusted. Commercial/Industrial review was fine.
5. “The entry of changes through building permits has reached about plot 132 and will be completed shortly. This has to be done prior to running sales reports so as to get all the new growth possible. It appears that the New Growth for 2010 will exceed our original \$1,000,000 estimate.
6. “Mr. Barney was guest speaker at Men’s Luncheon Club on Wednesday, about 50 in attendance.
7. “Annual Budget hearing schedule for June 8.
8. “There has been an uptick in the number of taxpayers with problems especially with old excise bills. The short staff is beginning to have problems handling “problem” customers, whose attitude is sometimes abusive and have little patience to listen to our staff explaining the billing or the responsibilities of the taxpayer. Yesterday, for example, one taxpayer was so frustrated by the Treasurer charges and demands and his complicated payments which he claimed to have made he kept Carol Roy at the counter for 30 minutes going over his billing (paid and unpaid bills, changes of address, transferred cars, etc) and he finally left refusing to wait for her to explain the auto excise abatement he might have gotten for Fiscal 2008. “

Mr. Treadup read the following sales and assessments:

Address	Sale	Assessed value
113 Bonney St.	271,000	301,100
22 Briarwood Ct.	265,000	289,900
30 Chestnut St.	218,000	219,700
33 Wright St (Commercial)	325,000	342,200

Settlements under Chapter 485 for the following properties:

(Note where original applications were denied, Assessors may settle potential ATB cases within second 90 days.)

71-48               \$ 148,500

81-17               \$ 8,600

127 D 121       \$12,000

130 A -155       \$9,900

130-A-156       \$10,100

123- B -405 could not be settled as abatement already granted.

Personal property   Account 5950   settlement offer signed to be sent to Owner.

Next Regular Meeting: May 28, 2009 at 9:00AM.

Meeting in Adjourned at 8:55 AM

Submitted by:

Peter Berthiaume, Clerk